

## From the Mayor

As many of you know, this year is Redmond's Centennial year. The city was founded on December 31, 1912. Back then, 300 pioneering farmers, merchants and businessmen shared a vision of creating a home for their families. We have come a long way since then, but Redmond's pioneering spirit remains strong in our fundamental values of working together, innovating and creating a place we want to call home. As Mayor, I've worked with residents and businesses to continue the journey towards our vision for a city that is connected, vibrant and fiscally responsible —all issues that are highlighted in this summer edition of Focus.

In keeping with our annual tradition, this summer brings many exciting activities that celebrate our sense of community. From the 72nd annual Derby Days in July to National Night Out festivities in August, I know many of us look forward to these events that bring us together as neighbors to celebrate our town and our connections to each other.

Summer also marks a busy construction season as several projects get underway in the downtown to improve mobility and other physical connections around town. Through these improvements, we continue to implement ways to enhance the vitality of downtown as a place to live, work and play. We appreciate your patience and understanding with the disruptions these projects can bring, as we build towards the vibrant downtown neighborhood vision we share.

On the fiscal front, City staff and I are at work on the biennial budget, the third budget using our Budgeting-by-Priorities approach. This approach is guided by your priorities, as affirmed by recent citizen surveys and in a series of community meetings conducted this spring. Through collaborative efforts with the

City Council, we have developed a structurally balanced budget forecast over the next six years. We revisit our plan every two years through the budget process, with 2013-14 budget discussions scheduled for later this fall.

Over the last four years of my first term as your Mayor, I have spoken often of Redmond as a community characterized by strong neighborhoods, strong businesses and a strong environment. I am pleased with the progress we have made in each of these areas, especially as we commemorate our century milestone throughout this year. I encourage you to visit <a href="https://www.100years.redmond.gov">www.100years.redmond.gov</a> to learn about many more events and opportunities for you to get involved.

The next big event we have planned is Derby Days, set to begin on Friday, July 13. Friday Night Live has now become a new tradition with a concert at City Hall, complete with food and a beer and wine garden. As always, Saturday begins with the Kids' and Grand Parades and ends with a great fireworks show. The weekend concludes with a 5-k run and concert in the downtown park on Sunday. It is a great Redmond weekend of free music, kids' activities and fun for the whole family.

I hope to see you at Derby Days this year, but wherever your plans take you, stay safe and enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,



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# Council Notes

Saturday, April 21st, turned out to be one of those uncommon sunny 60-degree days that rain-weary residents hope to see on a spring weekend. As one of your City Councilmembers, I was sequestered in the annual council retreat with the Mayor, the rest of the council, and the city's Directors. The aim of the meeting was to talk about the many needs of the city and to choose three of the highest priorities to focus on over the next two years.

As we sat in the sunlit meeting room, the discussion was aimed at the 30,000 foot level. This meant talking about exciting stuff like Vision—Objectives—Strategies. The group even discussed a SWOT analysis (Strengths/ Weaknesses/Opportunities/Threats). This involved piles of colored markers, plenty of flip charts, and bottomless urns of coffee. Did I mention it was a sun filled day? At this point you hope that your city's leadership team is filled with dedicated policy wonks.

I kid, but this is important stuff for your community leaders to hash out.

With much gnashing of teeth and one or two arm wrestling matches, the group chose the following three objectives:

- Create a sustainable revenue stream to support operating and capital needs
- Create a sustainable, diverse and vibrant economy
- Create greater community engagement and involvement

The leadership group believed that each of these areas has room for improvement and was critical in achieving the city's vision. The goal of the city's leadership is to take these priorities and work them into the city's Budgeting by Priorities process for the 2013-2014 biennium.

If you want to know in plain English just what these objectives mean, simply contact one of us on the council and we can perform the necessary translation.

As the meeting broke up, we headed home to enjoy the sunshine with our families. I learned that Chicago White Sox pitcher Phil Humber had pitched a perfect game against the Mariners at Safeco Field. Such perfection is rarely achieved in baseball. It is that same kind of high quality performance we strive for as your city's leaders.

# Redmond History

# Community Gathering Along Leary Way - A Pub Crawl Through Time

Whether through increased marketing or simply more folks living downtown, destinations along Redmond's Old Town and Leary Way are enjoying increased patronage. Could Redmond's historic buildings contribute to this popularity? Does 100 years of history or standing in the footprints of Redmond's pioneers help encourage community gathering on a Friday or Saturday evening?

Redmond's incorporation in 1912 introduced the opportunity to tax liquor and to help construct a water system. In 1913, Bill Brown constructed a two-story, brick building on the corner of Leary Way and Cleveland St. With a saloon on the first floor and a dance hall on the second floor, the businesses became very popular destinations in the community. Mr. Brown would go on to serve as Redmond Mayor from 1918 to 1948. Having also served as the official meeting place for the Mayor and City Council in 1915, today the Bill Brown Building houses The Matador restaurant.

Nik Devnani, manager of The Matador, described how they purposely highlighted the building's historic features through the careful placement of chairs and fixtures. "It's a unique building with lots of history that you can sense the moment you walk in the door," Mr. Devnani shares. Though some customers may not be familiar with Redmond history, they continue to make that location a favorite gathering spot in our downtown.



Logging, fishing, and hunting were popular activities during this time period and prior to Prohibition helped support the then-thriving tavern trade. The Seattle, Lake Shore, and Eastern railroads helped people travel to Redmond from throughout the region and beyond. A few of the famous guests known to have stayed at the Redmond Hotel (now known as the Justice White House, located just east of the Farmers Market) include William Howard Taft, William Jennings Bryan, and Percy Rockefeller.

The start of prohibition in 1919 brought change as Mr. Brown closed the doors to his saloon and dance hall. The community moved north along Leary Way to the Odd Fellows Hall for social gatherings including movies and dancing. This building, now home to Redmond's Bar and Grill, was built in 1903 and was managed by the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows (IOOF), a community-minded group that provided gathering opportunities and supported community members in need. The Odd Fellows would regularly host nearly 100 people on its wooden dance floor while children dozed on benches and their sister organization, the Rebekahs, served family-friendly refreshments

Today, Co-owner Tim Short welcomes waiting patrons to the newly updated version of the Odd Fellows Hall known as Redmond's Bar and Grill. Anticipating their first-year anniversary, Redmond's Bar and Grill looks forward to making Leary

Way a downtown destination by connecting the business to the street corridor through unique amenities including outside dining. Short has worked with Redmond's Landmark Commission to enhance their use of the building while maintaining its historic character. Sitting in the midst of the diverse and active crowds at these establishments gives one a sense of yesteryear, knowing that the businesses are thriving in the very same way that pioneering entrepreneurs did a century ago. Learn more about Redmond's colorful history at redmond.gov/government/historicpreservation.



# Neighborhood Corner

### **COMING SOON – SOUTHEAST REDMOND** NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN UPDATE

This fall the City will initiate an update to the Southeast Redmond Neighborhood Plan. Community members participated in the last update to this neighborhood plan in 1995 and participation by those who live, work, or own property in Southeast Redmond is essential to this 2012-13 review and update. To help staff connect with the neighborhood regarding the update, the City will sponsor several "Planner in the Park" days this summer at SE Redmond Neighborhood Park.

We want to hear from you and learn your thoughts regarding Southeast Redmond: living, working, recreating, and traveling in the neighborhood and vicinity. During the plan update process, the planning team hopes to collaborate with you to consider the neighborhood's next 20 years and to develop neighborhood priorities.

Planner in the Park days, as well as much more information is available at *redmond*. gov/SERedmond. There you will also find links to the Southeast Redmond Facebook page, as well as opportunities to sign-up for e-newsletters.

#### For more information, contact:

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Jeff Churchill, 425-556-2492 jchurchill@redmond.gov

### REDMOND COMMUNITY **INDICATORS 2012 RELEASED**

Redmond Community Indicators 2012 is now available at redmond.gov/ CommunityIndicators. It covers topics as diverse as water conservation, business license activity, and recreation program enrollment. For example, did you know that over 5,500 businesses are licensed to operate in Redmond and 26% of them have held a license for at least seven years? The purpose of the report is to track progress toward achieving the community vision as described in the Comprehensive Plan. Go online to discover more!



. UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Summertime and the Livin' Is Easy...

## Except During Road Construction

Warm breezes, blue skies and road construction: What summer would be complete without them? While not exactly the best recipe for summer fun, these ingredients are vital to maintaining the health and safety of local roadways. The recent arrival of rain-free days has sparked activity on a number of projects throughout Redmond. They include: The Redmond Way Overlay, Overlake Rain Gardens, 164th Avenue NE extension and the Redmond Central Connector Trail and Linear Park.

Redmond Way Overlay: Maintenance project will repair and resurface approximately 1.8 miles of worn and damaged pavement east of 132nd Ave NE to Bear Creek Parkway. Also includes spot construction to improve sub-surface drainage, relocate traffic signal loops and utility elements and bring curbing up to Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Work will affect both north & south lanes with spot construction of individual elements beginning early June. The speed limit will be reduced from 40mph to 30mph during construction hours to promote safety.

Construction will be limited to weekday, non-peak traffic hours, beginning after 9:30am in the eastbound direction and ending after 3:30pm in the westbound direction. Once spot construction is completed (early-mid July), grinding and resurfacing will commence over three weekends to complete the project, weather permitting. Signage, flaggers, City Twitter alerts, alternate route postings and on-site police support will be used to keep traffic moving as smoothly as possible.

Overlake Rain Gardens: Designed to capture and treat stormwater runoff, these roadside gardens will be constructed along various stretches of 151st PI NE and 152nd Ave NE. The gardens will be 3-4 feet wide, feature native plants and be constructed entirely within the existing right-of-way. They will not only help protect area streams by reducing water runoff but enhance streetscapes, making them more attractive and enjoyable for pedestrians. Work is expected to begin in August.

164th Ave NE Extension: This project will connect downtown to NE 76th Street in Redmond Town Center, providing a vital link in

Redmond's downtown street grid. 164th currently dead-ends at the edge of the former Burlington Northern-Santa Fe rail corridor (now being developed into the Redmond Central Connector trail), adjacent to the Hobbytown USA store. This project, scheduled to begin mid-summer, will utilize a roundabout design to keep cars moving through the intersection. Traffic impacts should be minimal.

Redmond Central Connector Trail & Linear Park: Construction on this much anticipated project will begin mid-summer. Last fall saw the removal of the old rail tracks and placement of a stormwater trunk line along the corridor. Work includes preliminary grading, paving and intersection improvements along the downtown route. Some traffic impacts are expected where the trail intersects with the downtown streets of Leary Way, 161st, 164th and 166th NE as well as 170th PI NE.

These projects will provide substantial improvements to our City's vital infrastructure. While every step is being taken to minimize disruption, there will likely be times of inconvenience for area motorists. Thanks for your patience and may all your summer

travels be safe!

For the latest traffic and construction alerts, join the City's Twitter feeds at #RedmondAlert or visit the City's website www.redmond.gov. You will find details about these and other City projects by clicking on the Transportation or Plans and Projects tabs. twitter3

# Environews

### **STEWARDSHIP**

### **Sufficient Water Supply Expected for Next 50 Years**

On May 7th, the first day of National Drinking Water Week, the Water Supply Forum announced that the central Puget Sound region is expected to have sufficient quantities of high quality, great tasting, water for the next 50 years! This includes plenty of water to protect the environment and fish habitat,

"Our demand has changed in this region and our supply is plentiful," stated Chuck Clarke, chair of the Forum and CEO of Cascade Water Alliance. "This is a result of several things: system efficiency, smart infrastructure investments and stewardship of water by utilities, as well as regional collaboration. And our residents throughout the region have made a difference by using water wisely."

The Water Supply Forum is the combined effort of public water systems and local governments in the central Puget Sound region including Redmond's water supplier, Cascade Water Alliance, as well as King, Pierce and Snohomish county water providers. The member suppliers came together to present the 2012 Regional Water Supply Update.

Since the mid 1990's, dramatic changes in water use have resulted in decreased average water usage per household. This is the result of increased water use efficiency, savings from conservation, changes in landscaping, more efficient household appliances, enhanced building and plumbing codes, and improved irrigation.

Many Forum members are making improvements, ensuring their established water systems continue to provide a reliable supply. Cascade Water Alliance was granted one of the most significant new municipal water rights issued by our state in a decade when they purchased Lake Tapps in Pierce County for long term water supply.

"The Forum continues to be a venue for regional discussion about municipal water supply, and it gives water suppliers a way of identifying, analyzing and discussing regional and national trends as well as external threats," said Clarke.



### **Healthy Soils**

### **Ladd Smith, Owner of In Harmony**

Thursday September 27 6:30pm - 8:00pm Redmond Senior Center

Healthy, beautiful, long-lived plants are the result of healthy soil. Attendees will learn everything they need to know about soil to create an environment where plants thrive. The class will cover what soil is made of, what lives in healthy soil, the importance of pore space, soil tests, and how to use mulch to improve and protect your soil while conserving water.

#### **Register through Brown Paper Tickets:**

www.brownpapertickets.com/event/236386 or call 1-800-838-3006.



# Natural Lawn Care Ladd Smith, Owner of In Harmony

Thursday September 20 6:30pm - 8:00pm Redmond Senior Center

By working with Mother Nature, you can have a great looking landscape that's easier to care for and healthier for families, pets, wildlife, and our great Northwest environment. Come learn what Natural Yard Care is all about and how to create a healthy, beautiful yard.

#### **Register through Brown Paper Tickets:**

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### RECYCLE

### **Styrofoam Block Recycling at City Hall**

When we purchase a new piece of electronics or other fragile items, it often comes boxed in blocks of Styrofoam. Until recently, that Styrofoam has gone into the garbage, but now it can be recycled into plastic products such as picture frames, computer cases, and office equipment. The city is shining a light on the availability of Styrofoam recycling by partnering with the City's Arts Program in a Styrofoam sculpting event that will take place at the Derby Days EcoFair.



Between June 11th and July 7th Styrofoam block will be collected at City Hall in the Bytes Café. There will also be a temporary studio set up where an artist will be at work designing the sculptures that will

be on display at the Derby Days EcoFair. Once Derby Days is over all the Styrofoam will be recycled locally.

Styrofoam peanuts are not accepted as part of this collection, however, Styrofoam block, as well as Styrofoam peanuts and meat trays are always accepted at the city's special collection events.

### **Summer Recycling & Collection Event**

July 21, 2012 9:30am - 4:00pm 18120 NE 76th Street (City of Redmond Maintenance Operation Center)



### **Extra Yard Debris**

Warmer weather can mean more yard work and gardening. For yard trimmings that don't fit in your yard cart you may use:

- Paper yard bags (available at home and garden stores)
- Reusable polywoven yard bags
- 32-gal cans with handles & lids (65 lb limit) labeled "yard"
- Bundles tied with sisal twine (4'x2' limit)

Put extra yard containers next to your yard cart at least three feet from your garbage. Yard trimmings are **not accepted** in plastic bags. Plastic bags are not compostable and cause processing problems at the composting facility.



# **Get your** FREE EcoKit!

Take the Impact Redmond Pledge

Help protect our community's Reusable stainless steel health and environment and receive a free EcoKit! It includes tools to help residents reach the goal of a clean, green and healthy Redmond.

- water bottle
- Go Green Redmond reusable shopping bag
- Water conservation faucet aerator
- R-Trip recycled post-it note pad
- Think Redmond brochure and discount card
- Yes/No Recycling brochure
- And much more!

To take the pledge and get your EcoKit visit impactRedmond.com

> Available as long as supplies last to residents living inside city limits. One EcoKit per household. Funded in part by a grant from the Washington State Department of Ecology



Cascade Water Alliance and the City of Redmond have teamed up to bring you the Savvy Gardener Class series. Door prizes include a back yard composter, a worm bin, and outdoor water conservation kits! All classes are free, but space is limited and registration is required.

To learn more visit savingwater.org/savvygardener or call 425-556-2832

# Savvy Seniors

### **Outstanding Senior Volunteers Honored**

Each year in May, as part of the nation-wide Older Americans' Month celebration, two special volunteers are selected by the RSC Senior Advisory Committee to receive recognition for their outstanding volunteer service. In addition, a community agency, service, or business is chosen for recognition.

At the City Council meeting on May 1, 2012, Council President Pat Vache proclaimed May as Redmond Senior Recognition Month and the individuals selected for recognition received certificates. This year the special seniors who received the Outstanding Volunteer Service award are Jim and Millie Robinson, and the organization chosen to be honored is Fairwinds Retirement of Redmond.

The Coho Café hosted a dinner for all the recipients prior to the presentation, and a reception was held at the RSC on Friday, May 4 to honor the recipients.

#### Millie Robinson

Millie was a volunteer at the Redmond Senior Center before it was even dedicated. Her primary area of service has always been in the kitchen helping in the senior nutrition program. In addition to helping prepare meals, Millie has trained many volunteers in the fine art of setting a proper table.

The RSC began tracking service hours by computer in 2001 and from that time to present Millie has given over 1600 hours. If we estimate back to 1990 when the RSC was dedicated, Millie has easily given close to 5000 hours of service.

In recent years Millie has had several medical issues, yet she has always worked her way back to volunteer at the RSC. Millie is well-loved and very dedicated.

#### **Jim Robinson**

Jim has been a staunch advocate of the RSC for many years. Along with Millie, he began volunteering in the early 1990's and has held several roles —Advisory Committee member, nutrition cashier, and Intergenerational Programs committee lead where he was a pen pal and LWSD Lunch Buddy.

Jim has also been active in the Senior Crafters Gallery from early on; making and selling a variety of wooden toys and other items. He has often helped promote the Gallery by writing articles and letters to the editor to get the word out about the wonderful crafts.

If you ask the participants in the Tuesday/ Thursday Senior Strength class, Jim's most important role is getting the chairs for the class set up. He always arrives early in order to wheel the stacks out of the closet and distribute the chairs around the room before the other students arrive. Jim is dependable and diligent in the service he gives.

#### **Fairwinds Retirement of Redmond**

Represented by Nancy Ferrell and Mindy Walker Fairwinds Retirement of Redmond, a LeisureCare facility, opened in the spring of 2006 at the junction of Avondale and Novelty Hill Road. Since that time they have endeavored to make positive contributions to the health and wellness of the older adults in the Greater Redmond area.

Fairwinds began supporting programs at the RSC by participating as a vendor at the Healthy, Wealthy & Wise Fair in 2006. They sponsor the recognition pins the RSC gives at the annual volunteer recognition lunch; for several years they have graciously hosted dinners to honor the recipients of the Older Americans' Month awards in their on-site restaurant and for the past two years Fairwinds has provided lunch for close to 200 dancers on the Northwest Senior Games Dance Day.

The generous support that Fairwinds provides to the RSC allows program dollars to stretch even further to provide more exciting and interesting programs for the older adults in Redmond.



Saturday, September 8 10 am – 1 pm

Friends, fun and food – that is what we'll be showing off at our annual Open House. Join us to celebrate National Senior Center Month and come learn about all the programs and activities available for older adults in Redmond. Open to all ages.

For more information call 425-556-2314

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Get the scoop on all the happenings at the RSC. Only \$12 for a one-year subscription. **Call 425-556-2314** and we'll sign you up now!





### Walkin' Redmond

### **Frequent Walker Program**

The RSC Health and Wellness Committee introduced their Frequent Walker program at the Spring 123 5-K walk. The goal of the program is to help participants develop the habit of walking regularly.

It's not too late to sign up, forms are available at the front desk. Turn in your completed form and receive your first pin. Then stop at the front desk every time

you walk to record your effort in the master logbook and to have your card dated. When this card is full you will receive an achievement incentive and a new card!

### **Summer 5-K**

Friday, July 27, 9:30 am

The RSC Health and Wellness Committee is excited to hold their third 5K summer walk. They are busy planning a theme and working on a route to make the event fun and interesting. It's free to participate, so put on your walkin' shoes and join us.



### Looking for a Way to Supplement Your Income?

The Recreation Department is always looking for new and interesting classes to offer. Have a hobby or skill that you would like to share? **Call Teri Burke** at 425-556-2342 to discuss the possibilities and request a program proposal form. We are especially looking for individuals interested in offering programs in the evening.

# Crime Victims Get Extra Attention

If you're a victim of a crime in Redmond, you may be receiving a call from the police department.

The Redmond Police Volunteer Program has initiated a Victim Assistance Team (VAT) geared towards helping crime victims and their families with information and referral services. Victims who need extra assistance will be contacted by trained RPD volunteers who offer:

- Crisis Intervention
- Assistance Navigating the Criminal Justice System
- Referral to an officer or detective
- Status of case information
- Referrals to local services

The VAT initiative is a brainchild of Redmond Police Chief Ron Gibson, who oversaw a similar program in Colorado. "Being a victim of even a property crime can be a traumatic event, especially for seniors," he said. "With this program our department can provide a little extra assistance to those in need, usually within the first 24-48 hours after it occurs."

Volunteer Coordinator Nicole Rogers has been hard at work managing the program, which launched in April. Thus far it's been quite successful: "The citizens we have spoken to are very appreciative. After an officer leaves they often wonder, what now? Our hope is that we can help answer that question."

More on the Redmond Police Volunteer Program at: redmond.gov/Residents/Volunteer Opportunities/PublicSafety/

### Countdown Pedestrian Signals

New pedestrian countdown signals can now be found at all of Redmond's signalized intersections. This safety enhancement takes the guess work out for pedestrians who wonder how much time they have to cross the street before the signal changes.

Research shows that pedestrians cross more safely with countdown pedestrian signals, but it is still important to take an active role in your personal safety as a pedestrian by staying alert to the traffic around you.

**More info at:** Redmond.gov/Transportation/ GettingAroundRedmond/Walking/PedestrianSignals

## Downtown Pedestrian Zone Signs

New signs located around Redmond's Downtown Pedestrian District communicate to drivers that they are in an area where they can expect higher volumes of people walking.

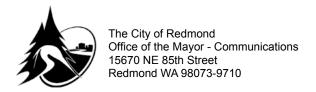
Each sign displays one of three different graphics —a young child pedestrian, a mother pushing a stroller, or a man walking a dog— and are meant to remind motorists of the potential vulnerability of pedestrians in traffic.



The new signs can be found on Leary Way

north of West Lake Sammamish Parkway, on Redmond Way west of West Lake Sammamish Parkway, on NE 85 St east of 154 Ave NE, on NE 90 St east of 154 Ave NE, on Red-Wood Road north of NE 90 St, on 166 Ave NE north of NE 85 St, on Redmond Way near Bear Creek Crossing, on Avondale Way from westbound Union Hill Road, and on NE 80 St at 170 Ave NE.

More info at: Redmond.gov/Transportation/ GettingAroundRedmond/Walking/PedestrianZoneSigns



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### **Events at the Redmond Senior Center**

8703 160th Avenue NE Info: 425-556-2314

## Northwest Senior Games Dance Day Friday, June 15

Line Dance: 9am - 12pm Ballroom Dance: 1 - 3:30pm Multipurpose Room Call 425-556-2314 for registration information

## Outdoor Concert Lunch Wednesday, July 18

11:30am - Ipm Patio (weather permitting) Tickets on sale June 18

#### Motor Madness Tuesday, August 14

10am - 1 pm (Hot Dogs and Root Beer Floats available between 11:30 and 1 pm)
Plaza south of RSC
Join the Model A Ford Club of America,
Seattle Chapter; Radio-Controlled Airplane enthusiasts and there are plans in the works for Motorcycles and Hot Rods too!
Food Tickets on sale July 19.

### RSC Open House Saturday, September 8

10am - 1pm
Throughout the building
Free



